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Made, and concluded the 11th day of
January, 1651.

By and between the Commissioners of the Right
Honourable, the
Lord *WILLOUGHBY* of *Parham*,
on the one Part;

And the Commissioners in the behalfe of the
COMMON-WEALTH of *England*,
on the other Part.

Being in order to the Rendition of the Island
OF

BARBADOES. &c.



LONDON,
Printed for *Francis Colles*, in the Old-Bayly, 1652.

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Lord WILLIAM PORT of England,
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And the Commissioners in the behalf of the
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on the other Part.

Being in order to the Resolution of the House
OF

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Printed by J. W. at the Office of the
Printer of the House of Commons.

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Articles of Agreement, &c.



That a Liberty of Conscience in matters of Religion be allowed to all, excepting to such whose tenents are inconsistent to a Civill Government; and that the Lawes be put in execution against Atheism, Blasphemy, and open scandalous livers. And that no Minister be deprived, except upon scandalous livings, seditious Preaching, or unsound Doctrine sufficiently proved against him.

2. That the Courts of Justice shall still continue, and all Judgements and Orders therein be valid, untill they be reversed by due forme of Lawes.

3. That no Taxes, Customs, Impost, Loanes, or Excise shall be laid, nor Levies made on any the Inhabitants of this Island without their free consent in a generall Assembly.

4. That no man shall be imprisoned, or put out of his possession of Lands and Tenements, which he hath by any former Warrant or title derived from it, or other goods or Chattel whatsoever, without due proceedings according to the known and Common Lawes of England, and Statutes and Customes of this Island, in the Courts of Justice heere first had, and Judgement from the same obtained, and execution from thence awarded.

5. That all Suits betwixt party and party, and criminall and Common Pleas be determined here, and none be compelled to go into England to assert and defend their titles to any estate which they have here, without the Consent of the generall Assembly.

6. That an Act of Indemnity be with all convenient speed passed in the Parliament of England, to save and keep harmless, and unquestionable all & every the Inhabitants of this Island that are comprised in these Articles, for and concerning any Act or thing whatsoever done by them, or any of them, at any time, or in any place, or words spoken by them or any of them before the date of these Articles. And that ye be cleared, acquitted, and discharged thereof for ever, aswell in respect of the publick power, as of any particular person concerning damages, or losse which they have received by reason of the present differences: and untill the sayd Act come hither, an instrument of Indemnity may be received into the Assembly here, and filed among the Records, and that it be represented by Sir GEORGE AISCOURG and the Commissioners to the Parliament of England, or the Councell of State, established by Authority of Parliament. That an Act made the third day of October, whereby the Inhabitants of this Island have been declared Traytors, may upon this accord be taken off the File from among the Records.

7. That all and every the Inhabitants of this Island, comprised within these Articles, be restored to all their Lands and Possessions, Goods and Moneyes which they have right to in England, Scotland, and Ireland.

8. That no Oaths, Covenants, and Engagements whatsoever, be imposed upon the Inhabitants of this Island; who receive the benefit of these Articles against their Consciences.

9. That all Port Townes and Cities under the Parliaments power shall be open to the Inhabitants of this Island, in as great freedom of Trade as ever, and that no Companies be placed over them; and that all Trade be free with all Nations that do Trade, or are in amity with England; nor the Commodities of the Island be ingrossed into private mens hands.

10. That whereas the Excise upon strong Liquors was layd for the payment of Publique Debts, and other publique uses, It is therefore agreed, that the Lord WILLOUGHBY of Parham, and all employed by him, and all other Persons whatsoever, shall be acquitted and discharged from the payment of any Publique Debts, and that the same be discharged by the said Excise, and to such other wayes as the generall Assembly shall seem fit, provided that Care and respect

There be therein had to such as have eminently suffered in their estates.

11. That all persons be free at any time to transport themselves and estates when they shall think fit, first setting up their names according to the custome of this Island.

12. That all Prisoners on both sides be discharged and set free, whatsoever, with the full benefit of enjoying all these Articles; and that all Horses, Cattrell, Servants, Negro's, and other Goods be restored to their right owners, except such servants as had freedom given them, and came aboard before Saturday the 3. of January.

13. That such particular persons as are within this Island, together with Sir SIDENHAM POYNES, who have Estates in Antegoa, may peaceably return thither, and there enjoy the benefit of all these Articles.

14. That for a certain time all Executions be stopped, sufficient caution being given, that at the expiration of it payment be made, and that the Commissioners, together with the generall Assembly, be Judges of the time and Caution.

15. That the three small Vessels, or Barques, now on ground before the Bridge Town, do remain to their proper owners, and have liberty to go to any Port laden.

16. That the Lord WILLUGHBY of Parrham have all his Lands, Rents, or Estates whatsoever, real or personall in England, without any Fine or Composition paid, restored to him or his Assignes, free from all incumbrances layd on the same by the Parliament of England, or any by them Authorized since the time of the first seizure or sequestration: And that what serdement the sayd Lord WILLUGHBY of Parrham hath made at Sorrenham, and any other he shall make on any part or the maine of Guinea, shall be by him enjoyed, and kept without any disturbance of either himself, or those that shall accompany him thither, and that he have free liberty to bring servants from any Port in England, or Ireland; and that his Plantation at Antegoa, according to the bounds already layd out, be reserved to him: and that whatsoever estate of right doth belong to the sayd Lord WILLUGHBY of Parrham in this Island of Barbadoes be to him intirely preserved.

17. That all such persons of this Island, for all which whose Estates have been sequestred or detained from them upon this public difference, be forthwith restored to their Plantations, Goods, or Estates in the Island: shall.

18. That the Islands of Barbadoes, with all the Ports, Stones, and Fortifications thereof, and all the Artillery, all Publick Arms and Ammunition be delivered into the hands of Sir GEORGE ARSCOTT for the use of the States of ENGLAND, before Munday twelve of the Clock at Noone, being the twelfth of this instant January, and that no Garrison be kept here, but that all Forces shall be disbanded within twenty foure houres after the sealing of these Articles; and that for the safety of this Island the Militia shall be disposed of as to the present Commissioners and future Governours shall seeme fit, this Article not to be construed to take away the private Arms of any particular person within this Island.

19. That the Government of this Island be by a Governour, Councell, and Assembly, according to the ancient and usuall Custom here, that the Governour be appointed by the State of ENGLAND, and from time to time received and obeyed here, the Councell for the present to be by him chosen, the Assembly to be chosen by a free and voluntary Election of the Free-holders of this Island in the severall Parishes, and that the usuall Custome of the choice of the Councell be Represented by the Commissioners to the Parliament of ENGLAND, or to the Councell of State established by the Authority of Parliament, with the desires of the Inhabitants for the Reformation thereof for the future.

20. And whereas it hath been taken into consideration, that the main and chiefe cause of the late Troubles and Miseries have grown by loose, base, and unbivill Language tending to Sedition and Division, too commodiously used among many people here. It is therefore further agreed, that at the next Generall Assembly a strict Law be made against all such persons, with an heavy penalty to be inflicted upon them that shall be guilty of any reviling Speeches, of what nature soever, by remembering or raveling into former differences, and reproaching any man with the Cause he formerly defended.

21. It is agreed that these Articles may with all convenient speed be presented to the Parliament of ENGLAND, to be by them

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ratified and affirmed to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes.

22. It is further agreed that all Lawes heretofore made by the Generall Assembly that are not repugnant to the Lawes of ENGLAND shall be good, excepting such as concern the present Differences.

23. That the Right Honourable, the Lord WILLoughby of PARHAM have free Liberty to go into ENGLAND, and there to stay or depart at his pleasure, without having any Oath or Ingagement put upon him; he acting or attempting nothing prejudicial to the Common-Wealth of ENGLAND.

Tho. Muddeford,
John Colleton.

Daniel Searles,
Mich. Packe.

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